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HOUSE PREFILED BILLS

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AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

H.4454 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES Rep. Huggins

The Department of Natural Resources may issue a three-year combination license or a three-year fishing license at no cost to a constable, reserve police officer or a volunteer firefighter, who is a resident of this state.

H.4458 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND BOATING SAFETY Rep. Huggins

Current law allows the operation of a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel in state waters in excess of idle speed within 50 feet of a moored or an anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or a person in the water. The legislation increases the distance to 100 feet.

H.4565 DAMS AND RESERVOIRS SAFETY ACT Rep. Lucas

The bill further provides for the requirements, regulatory provisions, and procedures applicable to dam and reservoir safety to include dam classification, permitting, registration, inspection, emergency action and maintenance plans, financial assurance requirements, and other related measures. In addition, the legislation revises civil and criminal penalties for violations.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

H.4391 ANATOMICAL GIFTS Rep. Burns

This bill revises terms defined in the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, clarifying that gifts of brain tissue may be used only for research or education.

H.4394 WRECKER AND TOW TRUCK SAFETY Rep. Chumley

This bill provides that a driver of a motor vehicle approaching a wrecker or a tow truck that is displaying warning signals must proceed with caution and, if possible, yield the right of way by making a lane change into a lane that is not adjacent to the wrecker or tow truck. The bill also provides penalties.

H.4395 "NATIONAL MOTTO DISPLAY ACT" Rep. Clemmons

This bill enacts the "National Motto Display Act"; that each local school board shall display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust", in the lobby of each school building.

H.4407 INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS Rep. Corley

This bill would allow the participation in interscholastic activities of public school districts by home school, charter school, and Governor's school students, so as to include private school students if the private school they attend does not offer the same activity.

H.4415 NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS GLOSSY YELLOW Rep. Duckworth

This bill amends definitions concerning the transportation of students and school buses, so as to define the term "National School Bus Glossy Yellow"; how it relates to public school buses vis-à-vis private school buses and forbids private school buses not

complying with certain requirements from using the color "National School Bus Glossy Yellow" and that they are not entitled to the privileges and protection of a school bus operating on the highways.

H.4417 SEPTIMA P. CLARK PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS Rep. Gilliard

This joint resolution directs the Department of Transportation to construct a pedestrian overpass at the intersection of the Septima P. Clark Parkway and Coming Street in the City of Charleston.

H.4422 PHOTOGRAPHING MOTOR VEHICLE DEFECTS Rep. Gilliard

This bill provides that a law enforcement agency may photograph a motor vehicle that has a defect that violates the state's laws, inform its owner that he has thirty days to correct the defect, and failure to notify the agency that the defect has been corrected shall result in him being charged with the motor vehicle violation.

H.4427 EXPANSION OF SEATBELT REQUIREMENTS Rep. Gilliard

This bill provides that the driver and occupants of school, church, and day care buses are subject to state safety belt laws.

H.4432 BODY CAMERAS Rep. Gilliard

This bill provides that all public school bus drivers, crossing guards, and resource officers must be equipped with body-worn cameras.

H.4433 SWIMMING INSTRUCTION Rep. Gilliard

This bill requires annual instruction in swimming and water safety for students in grades five through twelve.

**H.4435 "ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INSTRUCTION ACT OF 2016"
Rep. Gilliard**

This bill enacts the "Advanced Manufacturing Instruction Act of 2016" to provide that beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, every school district shall provide elective instruction in advanced manufacturing for students in grades six through twelve.

H.4437 CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS Rep. Gilliard

This bill requires the use of certified athletic trainers as a part of the concussion protocol for high school football games.

H.4438 ATHLETIC TRAINERS Rep. Gilliard

This bill provides that public institutions of higher education shall use at least one certified athletic trainer throughout all intercollegiate football games in which the school participates within the state or outside of the state.

H.4460 TUITION GRANTS COMMISSION Rep. Jefferson

This bill specifies particulars of a grant made by the Tuition Grants Commission.

H.4467 FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES Rep. King

This bill provides that students determined eligible to receive free lunches or reduced price lunches must be offered the same choice of meals and milk offered to children who pay the full price for their meals or milk.

H.4475 PATRIOTIC CLOTHING AT SCHOOL Rep. Limehouse

This bill provides that no school, school district, or institution of higher learning may prohibit on school property the wearing of patriotic clothing or display on clothing of patriotic symbols, and to provide that nothing in this section prevents a school, school district, or institution of higher learning from prohibiting on school property the wearing of patriotic clothing or the display on clothing of patriotic symbols when combined with political, vulgar, or other prohibited statements, images, or slogans as banned by school policy.

H.4482 STATEWIDE MANDATORY DRESS CODE Rep. McKnight

This bill provides that the State Department Of Education shall establish and enforce a statewide mandatory dress code program requiring school uniforms be worn by public school students beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. The bill provides for certain exceptions and requirements and provide assistance for students eligible for free or reduced school lunches in obtaining at least five sets of school uniforms for each season, contingent on funding.

H.4483 PRIMARY MODULES Rep. Mack

This joint resolution establishes a six-year pilot program in nine specific school districts to implement and monitor continuous primary modules for use instead of grades one through three.

**H.4497 "STUDENT INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES FUND ACT"
Rep. Putnam**

This bill enacts the "Student Interscholastic Activities Fund Act" so as to create a fund to assist needy students in meeting costs related to extracurricular activities in high school.

**H.4498 PROHIBITION OF BLOCKING INTERSECTIONS
Rep. Putnam**

This bill provides that it is unlawful for a motor vehicle to block the flow of traffic entering an intersection and to provide a penalty (aka Don't Block the Box).

**H.4505 NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY AND THE GED
Rep. J. E. Smith**

This bill provides that a student attending school at the South Carolina National Guard Youth Challenge Academy who is sixteen years of age and is unable to remain enrolled due to the necessity of immediate employment or enrollment in post-secondary education is eligible to take the General Education Development (GED) test.

**H.4509 "TIMOTHY'S LAW" (AUTHORIZED PERMIT SIGNATURES)
Rep. Thayer**

This bill enacts "Timothy's Law", relating to the requirement that certain persons must sign an application of an unemancipated minor for a beginner's permit, instruction permit, or driver's license, so as to provide that a father, mother, foster parent, or an

individual who stands in loco parentis to a minor is the person who is authorized to sign this application.

H.4512 VETERAN DESIGNATION Rep. Yow

This bill provides that certain persons who have been separated from the National Guard are eligible to obtain a driver's license that contains a veteran designation.

H.4514 DOMICILE STATUS REGARDING TUITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES Rep. Daning

This bill provides that a dependent child who is a United States citizen may not be denied classification as a domiciled resident when determining eligibility for in-state tuition and fee rates and state-sponsored tuition assistance and scholarships based solely on his status of his parent as a nonresident alien.

H.4515 IN-STATE TUITION REGARDING FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE Rep. Daning

This bill relates to undergraduate in-state tuition for people entitled to certain federal educational assistance as the children of members of the United States military who died in active duty service after September 11, 2001, and for people entitled as the spousal or children dependents of veterans to receive certain unused federal educational assistance transferred from veterans, so as to provide they are not subject to a three-year post-discharge enrollment time limit.

H.4521 "TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT" Rep. Putnam

This bill enacts the "Tucker Hipps Transparency Act" to provide that public institutions of higher learning shall maintain reports of investigations and related information of members of fraternities, sororities, and other social organizations, to specify information that must be included in the reports, to provide institutions shall make the reports available to the public and online, and shall furnish reports to students and their parents before the students may begin the formal process of joining a fraternity or sorority, to provide oversight and enforcement requirements of the Commission On Higher Education, and to provide penalties for violations.

H.4530 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES Rep. H. A. Crawford

This bill provides that the area of each county of this state also must be constituted as a school district and a county may not have multiple school districts within its boundaries.

H.4531 IN-STATE TUITION RECIPROCITY Rep. Felder

This bill provides that the University of South Carolina at Lancaster and Winthrop University may offer in-state tuition and fee rates to legal residents of certain adjacent counties in North Carolina if that state reciprocates by offering in-state tuition and fee rates to legal residents of York County, Chester County, and Lancaster County.

H.4536 COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Rep. Govan

This bill increases from seventeen to eighteen the age of the child at which a parent or guardian no longer has responsibility to cause the child to attend school.

H.4543 SEAT BELTS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL BUSES Rep. M. S. McLeod

This bill provides that before August 1, 2017, all school buses must be equipped with lap-shoulder seat belts for all permanent seating accommodations.

H.4562 APRIL DECLARED "MOVE OVER AWARENESS MONTH" Rep. Hicks

This bill provides that the month of April of each year is declared "Move Over Awareness Month" in South Carolina and require the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to conduct programs during this month that emphasize the importance of motor vehicle drivers moving over into an adjacent lane whenever possible when approaching or passing through a highway work zone, an emergency scene, or any other highway traffic incident.

H.4563 "MOVE OVER STUDY COMMITTEE" Rep. Hicks

This joint resolution creates the "Move Over Study Committee" to study ways to decrease the number of accidents and fatalities that occur in highway work zones, emergency management areas, and at any other traffic incident.

H.4575 PROHIBITION OF WIRELESS DEVICES AT SCHOOL Rep. Spires

This bill relates to the prohibition on the student use of paging devices in public schools, so as to expand the prohibition to include wireless electronic communications devices and to limit the prohibition to school hours.

H.4578 VIRGINIA TECH SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES Rep. Willis

This bill provides that the Department of Motor Vehicles may issue Virginia Tech special license plates.

JUDICIARY

H.4382 VOTER REGISTRATION INSTRUCTION Rep. Alexander

Requires high school students aged seventeen years old to complete a voter registration form and to receive instruction regarding the importance of voting. Requires that high school registrants receive a voter registration card before the first election for which they are eligible to vote.

H.4387 UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET QUOTAS Rep. Bamberg

No law enforcement agency, department, or division could require its officers to issue a specific amount of, or meet a quota for, the number of citations their officers issue during a designated period of time. Also no law enforcement officer's job performance could be based on the number of citations that that officer issues. "Point of Contact" may be used, however, to evaluate any officer's work performance.

H.4388 WAITING PERIOD FOR FIREARM PURCHASES Rep. Bernstein

Mandates a 14-day waiting period for any firearm purchasers or transfers under certain conditions.

H.4392 LOBBYIST IDENTIFICATION CARDS Rep. Burns

The State Ethics Commission is charged with designing, developing, and then issuing photo identification cards for registered lobbyists.

H.4396 REFUGEE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY ACT Rep. Clemmons

This "Refugee Absorptive Capacity Act" establishes a state office for refugees under the Department of Social Services with certain requirements. It also places a moratorium on new refugee settlements in specified circumstances.

H.4398 FIREARMS EXEMPT FROM BANKRUPTCY CLAIMS Rep. Clemmons

Exempts three firearms of any value, and one thousand rounds of ammunition for each of these firearms, owned by any debtor, from bankruptcy proceedings or attachments.

H.4399 NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Rep. Cobb-Hunter

Requires a national instant criminal background check for gun purchases. Delivery of a purchased firearm would not take place until the results of all required background checks are known, and the purchaser or transferee is determined not to be someone prohibited from firearm ownership.

H.4401 CUMULATIVE ROLL CALL VOTING Rep. Cobb-Hunter

Allows cumulative roll call voting for various sections of the Annual General Appropriations Bill, when also authorized by House or Senate rules.

H.4402 FAMILY COURT JUDGE ELECTIONS Rep. Corley

Family Court judges would be nominated via a political primary system, then elected by popular vote.

H.4403 SOUTH CAROLINA INFANTRY BATTLE FLAG REFERENDUM

Rep. Corley

A statewide advisory referendum would be conducted with the question of whether or not the South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America should be flown at its former location.

H.4404 PROHIBITIONS ON RUNNING FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES Rep. Corley

Bars General Assembly members, their family members, and certain other persons connected to any of these individuals, from election to a judicial office for a period of five years after members leave the General Assembly.

H.4406 POPULAR ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES Rep. Corley

Requires public votes for Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeal judges, and Circuit Court judges at popular elections held at-large in partisan elections. Also sets out the qualifications for the office of Supreme Court Justice. Sets out procedures for vacancies in all three positions.

H.4408 NO FUNDS FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT Rep. Corley

Prohibits using state funds for assisting the United States Refugee Resettlement Program.

H.4412 DRUG TESTING ELIGIBILITY FOR TANF AND SNAP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS Rep. Corley

Requires participants or registrants under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to undergo drug tests as a condition for eligibility.

H.4413 SAFE HAVENS FOR INFANTS Rep. H. A. Crawford

Sets out safe havens where individuals may leave infants under one year old without then being subject to any criminal penalties for doing so.

H.4414 CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE NOTICE Rep. Dillard

Sets out procedures for changing polling place locations.

H.4418 PERMANENT MONUMENT TO HONOR THE NINE MEMBERS OF MOTHER EMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH Rep. Gilliard

A Joint Resolution establishing a Study Committee to examine the costs, funding, feasibility, and design considerations to erect a permanent monument to honor the nine members of Mother Emanuel AME Church (in or near Marion Square).

H.4419 FRAUDULENT FIREARM TRANSFERS OR SALES Rep. Gilliard

Any person who deceives another about the truthfulness of information they supply or who knowingly participates or acts in violating state law regarding firearm transfers or sales, or who engages in other gun-related illegal activities, would be guilty of a felony.

H.4420 "WALTER L. SCOTT BODY CAMERA LAW" Rep. Gilliard

State laws relating to the use of body-worn cameras by state and local law enforcement agencies shall be cited as the "Walter L. Scott Body Camera Law."

H.4421 UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES Rep. Gilliard

Declares unlawful the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles, unpiloted aerial vehicles, or remotely piloted aerial vehicles in any illegal airspace. Owners must register these drones with the State Aeronautics Commission.

H.4423 PENALTIES FOR POINTING, AIMING, OR DISCHARGING A LASER DEVICE AT AN AIRCRAFT Rep. Gilliard

Increases the penalties for pointing, aiming, or discharging a laser device at any aircraft.

H.4425 ARMED, UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLES Rep. Gilliard

Declares it to be unlawful to operate any unpiloted aerial vehicle that is armed with any weapon.

H.4426 USE OF DRONES AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME FIGHTING TOOL Rep. Gilliard

A Concurrent Resolution to create a study committee on using drones as law enforcement crime fighting tools.

H.4428 MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CANDIDATES Rep. Gilliard

Any person who is a candidate for any law enforcement position in this state must first undergo a mental health evaluation before receiving any certification or recertification as a state law enforcement officer.

H.4429 CREDITOR POSSESSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE Rep. Gilliard

Creditors could repossess motor vehicles only during daylight hours.

**H.4434 CORONERS PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING HANDGUNS ON DUTY
Rep. Gilliard**

Prohibits coroners or deputy coroners from carrying pistols or other handguns while engaged in their official duties.

H.4439 HATE CRIMES Rep. Gilliard

Sets out stronger penalties for a person convicted of a certain crimes when committed with the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten any victims because of their race, religion, color, sex, age, nationality, origin, or sexual orientation. Penalties for the crime of malicious injury to real property are also strengthened.

H.4440 ASSAULT WEAPONS Rep. Gilliard

Includes assault weapons in state criminal statutes and increase penalties for crimes committed with assault weapons.

**H.4441 GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES WITH
HANDGUNS Rep. Gilliard**

Creates graduated penalties for subsequent offenses of the crime of unlawfully carrying handguns, as well as the unlawful sale or delivery of handguns.

H.4442 EXPUNGEMENT OF MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES Rep. Gilliard

Listed misdemeanor offenses could be expunged upon certain circumstances that are set forth in this legislation.

H.4444 FIREARMS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK Rep. Gilliard

Restructures the penalty for unlawfully carrying a handgun. Provides a tiered penalty system for this offense. Adds Article 2 to Chapter 31 of Title 23 "Firearms Criminal Background Check" to define necessary terms and require a ten-day waiting period for purchases or transfers of firearms, under certain conditions.

H.4446 "SOUTH CAROLINA PASTOR PROTECTION ACT" Rep. Hamilton

The "South Carolina Pastor Protection Act" would shield any religious organization, any organization supervised by a religious organization, any individual employed by a religious organization, any minister, or other member of the clergy from any requirement to perform any marriage ceremony if performing it would violate any sincerely held religious belief. This refusal could not be a basis for any cause of action by the state, or one of its political subdivisions, against these individuals or organizations.

H.4448 FARGO'S AND HYCO'S LAW Rep. Hill

Fargo's and Hyco's Law increases penalties associated with wilfully or maliciously torturing, mutilating, injuring, disabling, poisoning, or killing a police dog or horse. It also increases penalties for persons recklessly injuring, disabling, or causing the death of a guide dog or service animal. Under this legislation, it is a felony to intentionally injure, disable, or cause the death of a guide dog or service animal.

**H.4452 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK Rep. Huggins**

All members of the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank would be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.

H.4457 CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURTS Rep. Huggins
Increases the civil jurisdiction of the magistrate courts from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

H.4461 "BRADLEY S. BLAKE MONTH" Rep. Jefferson
Declares the month of June of each year in South Carolina to be "Bradley S. Blake Month" in order to promote reducing gun violence in our state.

H.4463 HATE CRIMES Rep. King
Amends penalties for any person convicted of listed crimes when the criminal act includes the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten victims due to their race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or sexual orientation. Penalties for malicious injury to real property offenses are also amended.

**H.4465 CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN
DIVERSITY TRAINING Rep. King**
Requires certified law enforcement officers annually to complete continuing law enforcement education credits in diversity training.

**H.4468 MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS Rep. King**
Provides that all law enforcement officers must undergo a mental health evaluation before they can become certified or recertified law enforcement officers.

H.4469 CASEWORKER MINIMUM RESPONSIBILITIES Rep. King
DSS or other caseworkers who fail to make the treatment plan-prescribed number of personal contacts with foster children would be terminated under certain circumstances.

**H.4471 STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD/MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE
TO SERVE AS AN APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
Rep. King**
Requires state identification card or driver's license applications that are submitted to the department of motor vehicles to also be used as an application for voter registration.

**H.4472 INMATE MOVED FROM GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA TO ANY S.C.
FACILITY Rep. Limehouse**
Sets restrictions on the placement, release, and any rights of any inmate moved from any federal government facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and attempted to be placed in any state facility.

**H.4473 CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON OUTSIDE MILITARY
RECRUITING FACILITIES Rep. Limehouse**
This bill provides that person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon or another firearm may not be prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon or another firearm outside a military recruiting facility.

H.4476 MINORS OR ANIMALS LEFT IN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLES

Rep. Limehouse

Any person may enter and remove minors or animals experiencing life threatening-- or extreme health threatening-- situations from motor vehicles. Any person undertaking these rescues would be immune from civil and criminal liability.

H.4477 PUBLIC ASSETS FOR RELOCATING REFUGEES Rep. Limehouse

Prohibits public officials from utilizing any public assets for relocating any Middle Eastern refugees.

H.4479 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT AND TWO-YEAR BUDGET Rep. M. S. McLeod

The General Assembly would adjourn *sine die* on the first Thursday in May instead of the first Thursday in June. Furthermore, the state would operate under a biennial budget.

H.4480 NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK Rep. M. S. McLeod

Requires national instant criminal background checks to be completed before any delivery of a firearm to a purchaser or transferee. The results of all required background checks must be known before any purchaser or transferee can possess the firearm they have bought.

H.4481 SCHOOL DISTURBANCES Rep. M. S. McLeod

Provides a delineated list of actions that fit the crime of disturbing schools, and revises the penalties for violations. It also sets out actions exempt from prosecution for this offense.

H.4484 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Rep. McCoy

Revises duties of the Commissioner, the screening of appointees, and also prohibits certain projects by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

H.4485 HATE CRIMES Rep. Neal

Heightens criminal penalties for perpetrators of crimes committed with the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten victims because of their race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or sexual orientation. Also revises penalties for malicious injury to real property crimes.

H.4487 HOUSE OR SENATE TERM LIMITS Rep. Pitts

A person would not be eligible for election to the House of Representatives after serving six consecutive terms in that body. A person would not be eligible for election to the Senate after serving three consecutive terms in that body.

H.4488 NO FUNDS FOR RESETTLING REFUGEES IN S.C. Rep. Pitts

Prevents any state agency, department, entity, or other state instrumentality from assisting with, or participating in, planning for the resettlement of refugees in South Carolina. No state agency, department, entity, or instrumentality is allowed to expend any state funds or accept any federal funds for any refugee resettlement.

H.4489 VICTIM NOTIFICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS Rep. Pope

Notifications of victims would be done via electronic or other automated communications or recordings when suspects convicted --or accused-- of certain offenses have escaped, been released, or transferred.

H.4490 EXPUNGEMENT PROVISIONS APPLY RETROACTIVELY Rep. Pope
Expungement provisions would apply retroactively to listed offenses.

H.4491 UNLAWFUL CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON AND HANDGUN CONFISCATION Rep. Putnam
Revises penalties imposed upon any resident who unlawfully carries a concealed weapon. It further sets out that any handgun involved in a violation of this provision, during the commission of a crime, must be confiscated. It also revises penalties for permit holders whose concealed weapons permits have expired.

H.4492 NOTICE TO FOSTER PARENTS Rep. Putnam
Requires notice to foster parents about any hearings set in child abuse and neglect cases and lists procedures for filing any reports with the Family Court.

H.4493 PRIORITY FOR FOSTER PARENT ADOPTIONS Rep. Putnam
Directs the Department of Social Services to give certain foster parents priority for adopting foster children.

H.4494 MANDATORY SCREENING FOR MAGISTRATE AND MUNICIPAL JUDGES Rep. Rutherford
Requires magistrates and municipal judges to be screened by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission before being reappointed, when they have any pending complaints or they have had any complaints filed within their current appointment term when the complaint resulted in a disciplinary order.

H.4496 AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEMS
Rep. Rutherford
Prohibits the law enforcement agency practice of using automatic vehicle license plate recognition technology.

H.4499 CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS DURING STATE EMERGENCIES
Rep. Putnam
Residents of this state could carry concealed weapons on certain premises for the duration of any state emergency declared by our Governor.

H.4500 PENALTIES WITH OPPOSING OR RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT
Rep. Putnam
Increases the penalty for opposing or resisting a law enforcement officer. Allows drivers to proceed to a reasonably close and safe location before stopping their vehicle when signaled by law enforcement to do so. Increases penalties. State convictions pursuant to this section could not be expunged.

H.4507 LAW ENFORCEMENT HALL OF FAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP Rep. Tallon
Increases the membership of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Advisory Committee to include the President of the South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, or a designee.

H.4508 “SOUTH CAROLINA PASTOR PROTECTION ACT” Rep. Thayer

Proposes the “South Carolina Pastor Protection Act” to establish that any refusal to perform a marriage ceremony cannot become a cause of action by the state, or one of its political subdivisions, against any religious organization, any individual employed by a religious organization, any minister, or other clergy members. It would also exempt these individuals or organizations from performing any marriage ceremony, if it would violate their sincerely held religious belief.

H.4510 FOSTER HOME CHILD PLACEMENT LIMITS Rep. Thayer

Sets a maximum number of foster children who may be placed in a particular foster home.

**H.4513 “SOUTH CAROLINA NATURAL MARRIAGE DEFENSE ACT”
Rep. Chumley**

Confirms state constitutional provisions under the “South Carolina Natural Marriage Defense Act” to define natural marriage as between one man and one woman.

**H.4516 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING
Rep. Neal**

Requires training programs and other competencies for school resource officers, along with teachers, when handling school disturbances.

**H.4517 JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION/QUALIFIED CANDIDATE
REPORTS Rep. Pope**

Revises the Judicial Merit Selection Commission membership and changes Commission procedures for nominating judicial candidates. All qualified candidate names will be provided to the General Assembly instead of only three names.

H.4519 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES REPORTS Rep. Putnam

Requires a copy or facsimile of receipts that correlate to each campaign expenditure shown on certified campaign reports to the Ethics Committee or commission having jurisdiction over the report.

H.4520 COMPTROLLER GENERAL APPOINTMENT Rep. Putnam

The successor Comptroller General--selected to serve after the 2018 General Election--must be a certified public accountant in good standing and licensed to practice in the state and must be appointed by the Governor to serve coterminously with the Governor's term.

H.4522 CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY Rep. Rutherford

Under this legislation, state law enforcement agencies are prohibited from purchasing cell-site simulator technology or devices, must discontinue use of any systems they currently own, and must discard any technology or device they currently possess.

H.4523 MILITARY FLAGS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL Rep. Ryhal

Authorizes the flags of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force as well as the POW/MIA flag to be flown at the Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex.

H.4524 *NONPROFIT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES* Rep. Ryhal

Would require nonprofit organizations to provide listed financial disclosures before receiving any funds from any state agency.

H.4526 *JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM* Rep. Alexander

A Joint Resolution to create a Study Committee to determine any needed South Carolina Juvenile Justice System reforms.

H.4528 *BUYING OR SELLING FETAL TISSUE* Rep. Brannon

Prohibits buying or selling fetal tissue and establishing criminal penalties for violations.

H.4532 *REVISING BOUNDARIES FOR MURRELL'S INLET/GARDEN CITY FIRE DISTRICT* Rep. Fry

Revises the Murrell's Inlet/Garden City Fire District boundary lines.

**H.4533 *HATE CRIMES, INCLUDING AGAINST HOMELESS VICTIMS*
Rep. Gilliard**

Provides penalties for a person convicted of a crime with the intent to assault, intimidate, or threaten a person because of his race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness. Also revises criminal penalties for malicious injury to real property.

**H.4534 *POSSESSING FIREARMS WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORITY*
Rep. Gilliard**

Prevents people from knowingly possessing any firearm without lawful authority to do so. This legislation includes a graduated penalties system for this offense.

H.4535 *REPEAL OBSOLETE CODE SECTIONS* Rep. Goldfinch

Repeals sections related to fighting, seduction, adultery, lotteries, dance hall operations, Sunday sales or laboring, prohibitions for railroad track removals, minors playing pinball, and hand [or lever] cars being removed from tracks and left near crossings.

H.4538 *"DEFUNDING THE ABORTION INDUSTRY AND ADVANCING WOMEN'S HEALTH ACT"* Rep. Hicks

Prohibits certain entities from using public funds for performing abortions or conducting any abortion-related activities.

H.4539 *EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION VIOLATION/COMPLAINT PROCEDURES* Rep. Horne

Comprehensive revision of complaint procedures involving any employment discrimination violation for covered state agencies, departments, or their subdivisions. Also mandates preliminary mediation conferences for complaints.

H.4545 *MAGISTRATES COURT CIVIL JURISDICTION* Rep. Pope

Increases magistrates' courts civil jurisdiction from \$7,500 to \$25,000.

H.4546 IMPROVE FOSTER CARE Rep. Putnam

Requires reviews of foster care placements, programs, and activities.

H.4547 AGE OF CHILD/JUVENILE Rep. Rutherford

Changes the definition of "child" and "juvenile" to include anyone under twenty-one [21] years old.

**H.4550 ALLOW THE MEDICAL USE OF LOW-THC CANNBIDIOL
(MARIJUANA) Rep. Brannon**

Allows medical use marijuana for people with certain medical conditions. Protects qualified patients, caregivers, and physicians from arrest, prosecution, and criminal or other penalties.

H.4551 TWENTY-EIGHT DAY WAITING PERIOD Rep. Brannon

No gun transfers, which must be preceded by a criminal background check, can be completed before twenty-eight days have passed from the initiation of the background check.

H.4552 TWENTY-EIGHT DAY WAITING PERIOD Rep. Brannon

This bill requires that no gun transfer preceded by a criminal background check may proceed, unless the criminal background check has concluded that the sale may proceed, until at least twenty-eight days have passed from the initiation of the background check. Criminal penalties are established for violations.

H.4553 STATE WORK PROGRAM Rep. Chumley

Establishes a State Work Program for qualified inmates incarcerated by our Department of Corrections.

**H.4554 "SOUTH CAROLINA ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT"
Rep. Clemmons**

Provides for regulation and oversight of money transmission businesses, to prevent criminal activities.

**H.4557 LOWERING FLAGS UPON DEATH OF EMS WORKERS
Rep. Duckworth**

Flags would be lowered to half-staff for EMS workers who die in the line of duty.

H.4559 POLL WORKERS COMPENSATION STUDY Rep. Gilliard

Creates the "Poll Workers Compensation Study Committee" to review compensation and benefits available to state election poll workers.

H.4560 POLL WORKER COMPENSATION Rep. Gilliard

Poll workers would be paid no less than fifteen dollars per hour for attending compulsory polling place/election day training and for working the day of general elections under this proposed bill.

**H.4561 ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR SUBSEQUENT GUN OFFENSES
Rep. Gilliard**

This bill provides for a graduated scale of penalties for subsequent offenses of unlawfully carrying handguns, or selling or delivering a handguns.

H.4564 FIREARM REGISTRATION Rep. Jefferson

All firearms brought into, or purchased within, our state would have to be registered at the county sheriff's department where the owner resides.

H.4567 HOUSE OR SENATE TERM LIMITS Rep. M. S. McLeod

After serving six full terms or twelve years in the House, whether or not consecutively, individuals would be ineligible to serve as a House member. After serving three full terms or twelve years in the Senate, whether or not consecutively, individuals would be ineligible to serve in the Senate any more.

H.4568 PETITION VERIFICATION PROCESS Rep. Pope

This bill updates the petition verification processes for campaigns and ballot measures submitted to county boards of voter registration and elections.

**H.4571 PUBLIC BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION OVERSIGHT
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Rep. G. R. Smith**

Any governing board of an agency, body, commission, committee, or council with membership appointed in whole or in part by a legislative delegation requires General Assembly action in order to assign, convey, devolve, entrust, or transfer any of their operational oversight.

**H.4572 GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Rep. G. R. Smith**

Members of the Greenville Health System Board of Trustees would serve at the pleasure of the Greenville County Legislative Delegation, and be subject to removal as by them as well.

H.4579 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Rep. Pope

Sets up succession in the event of a vacancy in the office of Lt. Governor, changes elections of our Lt. Governor, adds, deletes, amends, and replaces sections relating to the Lt. Governor to conform with these changes.

LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

**H.4389 FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARDS PROTECTION STUDY
COMMITTEE Rep. R. L. Brown**

This joint resolution creates a temporary Financial Transaction Cards Protection Study Committee to examine potential methods to provide additional protections to users of financial transaction cards and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2016.

**H.4430 METAL DETECTORS REQUIRED AT MOTION PICTURE THEATERS,
SPORTING ARENAS, AND CONCERT VENUES Rep. Gilliard**

This bill establishes requirements for motion picture theaters, sporting arenas, and concert venues to install and operate metal detectors.

H.4431 IMITATION FIREARMS Rep. Gilliard

This bill provides that manufacturers of toy guns, BB devices, and other imitation firearms in this state only may manufacture, sell, or distribute an imitation firearm that is translucent or the entire exterior surface of the device is painted white or in bright colors.

H.4464 FEES PROHIBITED FOR CREMATION PERMITS Rep. King

This bill revises provisions for permits for cremation which must be issued by coroners, so as to provide that no fee for a permit for cremation may be charged.

H.4466 UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE TO REFUSE TO HIRE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF THEIR CREDIT HISTORIES Rep. King

This bill provides that it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to fail or refuse to hire an individual because of the credit history or credit report of the individual. Certain exceptions are provided.

H.4470 FILING AND TRANSMISSION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES Rep. King

This bill revises provisions relating to electronic filing and transmission of death certificates, so as to change the time within which to file death certificates and to prohibit the Department of Health and Environmental Control from assessing a penalty against a funeral home if a physician fails to provide a medical certification.

H.4495 PROPERTY OWNERS NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE ON PROPERTY UNAFFECTED BY A MAJOR DISASTER FLOODING EVENT Rep. Rutherford

This bill provides that a property owner who is required to carry flood insurance on real property may not be required to maintain this insurance if the property is not affected by a flooding event that results in a major disaster where a state of emergency is declared. This provision is to be afforded a two-year retroactive application.

H.4504 LIMITATIONS ON MAKING SUBSTITUTIONS FOR CERTAIN EPILEPSY DRUGS Rep. J. E. Smith

This bill provides that a health insurance plan may not increase a copayment or require an insured to pay an amount in excess of the copayment for a specific anti-epileptic drug prescribed to treat epilepsy in the insured if the prescribing practitioner determines that use of that specific drug is necessary for the patient to maintain a consistent therapeutic level to avoid seizure reoccurrence, regardless of whether a preferred or generic equivalent is available at a lower cost. An expedited process for reviewing alleged violations is established. The legislation revises provisions relating to the authorized substitution of an equivalent prescription drug by a pharmacist under the Drug Product Selection Act of 1978, so as to provide a pharmacist may not interchange an anti-epileptic drug or formulation of an anti-epileptic drug, brand, or generic for the treatment of seizures or epilepsy without prior notification of, and signed, informed consent to, the interchange from the prescribing practitioner and the patient or the parent, legal guardian, or spouse of the patient. The legislation provides that before such an interchange may occur, the prescribing practitioner must determine whether the interchange can compromise the ability of the insured to maintain a consistent therapeutic level to avoid seizure reoccurrence, and provides that the prescribing practitioner may not consent to the interchange and the pharmacist may not perform the interchange if the prescribing physician determines such a compromise can occur.

H.4518 BURGLAR ALARM VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS Rep. Pope

This bill an alarm business shall employ a means of alarm verification for all burglar alarm signals the alarm business receives, except when concerning a: (1) panic alarm; (2) robbery-in-progress alarm; or (3) situation in which a crime-in-progress signaled by an alarm is verified as being an authentic crime-in-progress by video means, audible means, or both, in which case the alarm business shall immediately refer the matter to the local 911 service.

H.4548 MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER CLOSING FEES Rep. Sandifer

This bill provides that a motor vehicle dealer who meets certain statutory requirements may charge a closing fee assessed on a motor vehicles sales contract. The legislation establishes defenses for a motor vehicle dealer and authorizes the Department of Consumer Affairs to administer and enforce motor vehicle dealer closing fees.

H.4549 PURCHASE OF HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE VALUE OF ALL LIENS AGAINST THE INSURED PROPERTY Rep. Toole

This bill provides that an insurer licensed and authorized in this state to sell homeowner's insurance may not require a homeowner to purchase coverage for an amount exceeding the value of all liens against the insured property unless the homeowner: (1) is apprised of his rights under this legislation orally and in writing; and (2) affirmatively consents to waive these rights.

H.4555 "FREEDOM OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT ACT" Rep. Cobb-Hunter

This bill enacts the "Freedom of Employment Contract Act" by repealing Right to Work law provisions that govern employee participation in labor organizations and labor union activities in the workplace.

H.4566 "SOUTH CAROLINA DO NOT CALL ACT" Rep. Lucas

This bill enacts the "South Carolina Do Not Call Act" to establish a mechanism under which individual citizens of this state can decide whether to receive telemarketing and other unsolicited calls. The legislation assigns the Office of Regulatory Staff with responsibilities in the creation of a database that compiles the names, zip codes, and telephone numbers of consumers in this state who object to receiving telephone solicitation calls or other unsolicited telephone calls. Penalties are established for those who violate "Do Not Call" provisions.

MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

**H.4384 DISPENSING OF PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Rep. Ballentine**

This bill allows the facsimile of an original prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance to serve as the original prescription for certain individuals.

H.4393 REGULATION AND REPORTING BY BIRTHING CENTERS Rep. Burns

The legislation requires a physician to be available to provide consultation to the birthing center.

H.4447 MOBILE BARBERSHOPS Rep. Henegan

“Mobile barbershop” means a self-contained unit in which the practice of barbering is conducted, which may be moved, towed, or transported from one location to another. A mobile barbershop includes a portable barber operation. “Portable barber operation” means equipment used in the practice of barbering that is in a mobile barbershop or transported from a barbershop and used on a temporary basis at a location, including, but not limited to home, nursing home. In order to operate a mobile barbershop, a barber shall apply to the board for a mobile barbershop permit. The barber shall submit a permit application and fee.

**H.4501 EDUCATIONAL AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS Rep. G. M. Smith**

The bill requires surgical technologists to obtain certification by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

H.4542 EXPERIMENTAL HEALTH CARE TREATMENT LAW Rep. McKnight

Among many things, this bill authorizes access to experimental treatments for patients with an advanced illness and to establish conditions for use of experimental treatments.

H.4544 ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION Rep. M. S. McLeod

The bill establishes requirements related to the prescription of drugs intended to treat symptoms of erectile dysfunction.

**H.4573 STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL VETERANS ISSUES STUDY COMMITTEE
Rep. J. E. Smith**

This bill extends the date of the current State and Local Level Veterans Issues Study Committee as well as to require biennial reports.

H.4574 “ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE ACT” Rep. Spires

Among many things, this bill provides requirements for the work of electrology to ensure minimum standards of competency, protect the public from misrepresentation of status and qualifications by persons who hold themselves out to be ‘licensed electrologists. “Electrology” means the art and practice relating to the removal of hair from the normal skin of the human body by application of an electric current to the hair papilla by means of a needle or needles so as to cause growth inactivity of the hair papilla and thus permanently remove the hair.

H.4580 MEDICAL FOSTER HOME PROGRAM FOR VETERANS Rep. Jefferson

The bill provides that medical foster homes approved and annually reviewed by the United States Department of Veterans’ Affairs providing care exclusively to three or fewer veterans are exempt from the provisions of Chapter 7, Title 44 in regard to hospitals, healthcare districts, nursing homes, etc. In addition, other facilities are required to be licensed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

WAYS AND MEANS

**H.4383 AUTOMATIC APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD
EXEMPTION Rep. Alexander**

This bill makes provisions for a county auditor to adjust a property tax bill to automatically reflect the homestead exemption when the taxpayer reaches the age of

eligibility. The legislation also makes provisions under which a person who was otherwise eligible for the homestead exemption but failed to apply is entitled to receive a property tax refund for no more than the five previous years the person was eligible.

H.4385 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF TRAFFIC VIOLATION REVENUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS Rep. Bamberg

This bill provides that a county or municipality may not adopt a budget in which the total projected revenue for the upcoming fiscal year includes revenues attributable to traffic violations in the upcoming fiscal year. The legislation also provides that revenues attributable to traffic violations may not be appropriated in the fiscal year in which the revenue is collected.

H.4386 COMPENSATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS WORKING OVERTIME Rep. Bamberg

This bill provides that officers of the South Carolina Highway Patrol Division may elect either compensatory time or payment at one and one-half times the officer's regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of the maximum allowable hours.

H.4390 EMPLOYEE LEAVE TIME FOR ATTENDING A CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY Rep. R. L. Brown

This bill makes provisions for state employee leave time allowed for attending an educational activity at the school of the employee's child. The legislation makes provisions for an income tax credit for an employer who allows an employee to attend an educational activity for his child.

H.4397 PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ALLOWANCE INCREASE Rep. Clemmons

This bill makes provisions for raising from fifty thousand dollars to seventy thousand dollars the property tax homestead exemption afforded taxpayers who are at least sixty-five years old or who are totally and permanently disabled or legally blind. The legislation provides that, in property tax years after 2016, the homestead exemption must increase by the increase in the average of the twelve monthly consumer price indices for the most recent twelve-month period consisting of January through December of the preceding property tax year.

H.4409 MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND SNAP BENEFIT CONDITIONS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS Rep. Corley

This bill establishes new requirements governing the management of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The legislation establishes eligibility requirements for receipt of SNAP benefits, to limit receipt of SNAP benefits for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) to three months in a thirty-six month period, with exceptions. The legislation requires ABAWDs to participate in an employment and training program in order to receive SNAP benefits, with exceptions.

H.4410 MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND FEDERAL WAIVERS FOR PROMOTING NUTRITIOUS DIETS Rep. Corley

This bill establishes provisions requiring the South Carolina Department of Social Services to manage the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to apply for waivers of federal requirements applicable to the SNAP Program that promote nutritious diets, including waivers to restrict allowable food choices.

H.4411 MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASING STORE BRANDS Rep. Corley

This bill establishes provisions requiring the South Carolina Department of Social Services to manage the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and requirements for individuals purchasing food or drink items with SNAP benefits to purchase store brand food or drink items when available.

H.4416 IMPACT FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION Rep. Felder

This bill revises exemptions from development impact fees imposed by local governments, so as to add exemptions for the construction of a new elementary, middle, or secondary school, and the construction of a new volunteer fire department.

H.4424 ELIMINATION OF ROLL-BACK TAXES Rep. Corley

This bill revises provisions relating to the classification and assessment ratios of real property for taxation purposes, so as to eliminate provisions for roll-back taxes which apply when there is a change in use of the property.

H.4445 TEN PERCENT PAY INCREASE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES Rep. Gilliard

This joint resolution provides requirements for the Department of Administration to allocate amounts appropriated for employee pay increases so that state employees receive a ten percent employee pay increase effective July 1, 2016.

H.4449 TWO MONTH DELAY OF TAX PENALTIES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGED IN THE 2015 FLOODS Rep. Huggins

This joint resolution makes provisions for a two month delay in the penalty schedule for unpaid property taxes and assessments that applies to real property damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, and for which the owner of the real property received federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

H.4450 ENHANCEMENT OF HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS FOR OLDER TAXPAYERS Rep. Huggins

This bill revises real property tax exemption provisions, so as to provide an exemption sufficient to keep the property tax value of a homestead from increasing once the owner attains the age of seventy years. The legislation provides an additional twenty-five percent exemption when a person attains the age of seventy-five years and increases the exemption by an additional twenty-five percent every five years thereafter. The legislation prohibits a tax execution on the homestead of an individual that has attained the age of eighty years.

H.4451 ADJUSTMENTS IN TAX VALUATIONS FOR FLOOD DAMAGED

PROPERTY Rep. Huggins

This bill revises property tax provisions so as to require appropriate adjustments in the tax valuation and assessment of any real property and improvements which have sustained damage as a result of flooding. The legislation makes provisions for refunds in certain situations.

H.4453 *ADJUSTMENTS IN TAX VALUATIONS FOR FLOOD DAMAGED PROPERTY/ TWO MONTH DELAY OF TAX PENALTIES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGED IN THE 2015 FLOODS Rep. Huggins*

This bill revises property tax provisions so as to require appropriate adjustments in the tax valuation and assessment of any real property and improvements which have sustained damage as a result of flooding. The legislation makes provisions for refunds in certain situations. The legislation makes provisions for a two month delay in the penalty schedule for unpaid property taxes and assessments that applies to real property damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, and for which the owner of the real property received federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

H.4455 *FREE ADMISSION TO THE STATE MUSEUM FOR CONSTABLES, RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS, AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS Rep. Huggins*

This bill provides that a South Carolina resident who is a constable, reserve police officer, or a volunteer firefighter may enter the State Museum without charge upon presentation of an identification card or badge.

H.4456 *FREE ADMISSION TO STATE PARKS FOR CONSTABLES, RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS, AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS Rep. Huggins*

This bill provides that a South Carolina resident who is a constable, reserve police officer, or a volunteer firefighter may enter any state park without charge upon presentation of an identification card or badge.

H.4459 *TEN PERCENT INCREASE FOR PALMETTO FELLOWS, LIFE, AND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS Rep. Jefferson*

This bill revises provisions for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program, Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarships, and Hope Scholarships so as to increase maximum amounts available under these scholarships by ten percent.

H.4478 *SAVANNAH RIVER SITE FINES DEVOTED TO ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDING Rep. Limehouse*

This bill provides that all fines received by the state from the federal government relating to plutonium storage at the Savannah River Site must be credited to the State Highway Fund and must be used exclusively for highway, road, and bridge maintenance, construction, and repair.

H.4502 *ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT STATEMENTS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PROBABLE BEHAVIORAL*

RESPONSE OF CITIZENS Rep. G. R. Smith

This bill revises requirements for revenue impact estimates on proposed legislation, so as to require those preparing fiscal impact statements to take into consideration the probable behavioral response of taxpayers, businesses, and other citizens when making computations.

H.4503 INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR 2015 CATASTROPHIC FLOOD DAMAGE

Rep. J. E. Smith

This bill provides for an income tax credit equal to ten percent of any federal assistance an individual taxpayer received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency resulting from the catastrophic weather event in October 2015.

H.4506 "SOUTH CAROLINA DISASTER RELIEF FUND" Rep. J. E. Smith

This bill creates the "South Carolina Disaster Relief Fund" to be used by the Adjutant General, Emergency Management Division, to operate a grant program that provides financial assistance to individuals who have experienced damage or loss as a result of a natural disaster. The legislation includes the "South Carolina Disaster Relief Fund" among the voluntary contributions that an individual may make by using the income tax return check off list.

H.4511 MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND SNAP BENEFIT CONDITIONS FOR

ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS Rep. Thayer

This bill establishes new requirements governing the management of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The legislation establishes eligibility requirements for receipt of SNAP benefits, to limit receipt of SNAP benefits for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) to three months in a thirty-six month period, with exceptions. The legislation requires ABAWDs to participate in an employment and training program in order to receive SNAP benefits, with exceptions.

H.4525 TEN YEAR EXTENSION FOR DEVOTING A PORTION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX REVENUE TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR FIREFIGHTING Rep. Simrill

This bill extends until June 30, 2027, rather than 2017, the requirement that two and one-quarter percent of insurance premium tax revenues must be transferred to the South Carolina Forestry Commission and used by that agency for firefighting and firefighting equipment replacement.

H.4527 REVOLVING FUND TO AID DAM OWNERS IN REPAIRING OR REPLACING DAMS Rep. Bales

This bill requires the General Assembly to appropriate twenty-five million dollars to the Department of Health and Environmental Control to establish a revolving fund to operate a financial assistance program to provide grants and loans to aid dam owners in repairing or replacing dams.

H.4537 INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE GRANTS FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS STUDENTS TO ATTEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS Rep. Henderson

This bill makes provisions for an income tax credit for contributions to a scholarship funding organization that provides tuition grants for exceptional needs students to attend certain independent schools, including religious institutions and other eligible private schools. Tuition grants are available to primary and secondary students when a disability or special educational need has been identified or when the child's parents or legal guardian believes that the services provided by the resident public school district do not sufficiently meet the needs of the child.

**H.4540 RESTRICTIONS ON HEALTH INSURER REQUIREMENTS FOR
PREAUTHORIZATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR MEDICAL
TREATMENTS Rep. King**

This bill provides that the State Employee Insurance Plan may not require an insured to seek preauthorization for prescription medications or medical treatment options unless the medication or treatment option deviates from approved United States Food and Drug Administration methods. The legislation prohibits an insurer licensed to do business in this state from requiring preauthorization for a prescription medication or medical treatment option unless the medication or treatment option deviates from approved United States Food and Drug Administration methods. Penalties are established for violations.

**H.4541 SALE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
Rep. Loftis**

This joint resolution provides that by July 1, 2016, a request for proposals (RFP) must be issued by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority soliciting bids for the complete purchase of or a percentage ownership interest in the South Carolina Public Service Authority by a third party from the state of South Carolina. The joint resolution provides for the distribution of revenue derived from a sale of the Public Service Authority by requiring that half of the revenue must be deposited in the State Highway Fund and used for the sole purpose of repairing state roads, bridges, and highways in the state highway system and the other half must be used for the support and development of new or existing K-12 educational programs for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Instruction, and to further the purposes of the South Carolina Education and Economic Development Act of 2005.

**H.4556 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY
DISABLED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS Rep. Duckworth**

This bill extends to permanently and totally disabled former emergency medical technicians the homeowner property tax exemption that is currently allowed for military veterans, former law enforcement officers, and former firefighters who are permanently and totally disabled.

**H.4558 INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO
ASSISTS IN RELOCATING DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS Rep. Gilliard**

This bill provides for an income tax credit to a developer of real estate who assists in relocating individuals who are displaced due to the developer redeveloping their dwelling places.

**H.4569 GRANTS FOR VICTIMS OF THE 2015 CATASTROPHIC FLOODS
Rep. Rutherford**

This bill makes appropriations of \$86,750,797 from Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Contingency Reserve Fund and \$239,798,000 from Fiscal Year 2015-2016 unobligated general fund revenue to the Office of the Governor for the purpose of making financial grants to individuals or families adversely affected by the catastrophic weather event of October 2015.

H.4570 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD PENSION INCREASE

Rep. G. M. Smith

This bill provides for an increase the amount of the pension for certain members of the National Guard of South Carolina.

**H.4576 SOUTH CAROLINA INFANTRY BATTLE FLAG OF THE
CONFEDERATE**

STATES OF AMERICA COMMISSION Rep. Tinkler

This bill establishes the South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America Commission to raise private funds and to receive gifts and grants for the appropriate display and maintenance of the South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America, including the personnel necessary for the appropriate display and maintenance. Donations to the commission may be deducted from South Carolina taxable income.

H.4577 STATE AVIATION FUND Rep. White

This bill provides for aircraft property tax proceeds, regardless of the amount collected, to be credited to the State Aviation Fund.

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